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SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" They do come under the Act. If the Hon. Minister does not know it, let him refer to the Act."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, order."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the hon. Member may address that question to the Hon. the Minister for Labour."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, what were the recommendations made by the Commissioner and the Conciliation Officer that were favourable to the workers and rejected by the municipality and the Government?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice, please."

Exemptions under the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947.

* 249 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the reasons for the issue of G.O. Ms. No. 545, Development, dated 10th February 1950, altering some of the provisions in the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Factories Act, 1948, applies to all the staff in the factories including the clerical staff, provided their work is incidental to or connected with the manufacturing process. Representations were received by the Government that the application of both the Factories Act and the Madras Shops and Establishments Act caused a lot of difficulties, both to the managements and the enforcement staff. The Government therefore in G.O. No. 545, Development, dated 10th February 1950, issued a notification exempting all persons employed in factories, who are governed by the Factories Act, 1948, from all the provisions of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will take ten more minutes and finish all the questions."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that after passing the order, many shops and factories and many other institutions have been affected and will the Government consider the desirability of re-examining the position and issue suitable amendments to the Government Order?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, with regard to the first part of the question, I am not aware of the facts mentioned by the hon. Member. I take the information from the hon. Member. With regard to the second part, Government have now decided that the Central Act shall have precedence over the local Act."

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SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that by making the Factories Act applicable to such employees, the Government reduce the amount (leave that will be due to them from 30 to 15 days and, therefor will he consider the advisability of revising the Order and in such cases, the Madras Shops and Establishments Act made to apply? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" **Factory Act** அமுலிலிருக்கக்கூடிய இடங்களில் **Shops and Establishments Act** அமுலில் இருக்காது என்று உத்தரவு பிறப்பித்ததாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். ஏற்கெனவே '**Railway Loco Shed**', '**Factory Act**'ன் கீழ் இருந்தது. இப்பொழுது **Railway Loco Shed** ஆனது **Factory Act**-ன் கீழ் வரவில்லை. அந்தமாதிரி **Loco Shed**-கள் இப்பொழுது **Shops and Establishments Act**-ன் கீழ்கொண்டுவரப்படுமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" They are Central Government institutions."

Bath-rooms for the patients in the Government Hospital, Cannanore.

* 250 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state why there are no bath-rooms for the patients in the Government Hospital, Cannanore?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" At present the patients in the hospital take their bath in small enclosures made for the purpose. A proposal for constructing pakka bath-rooms in the hospital is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Government Hospital at Cannanore is a taluk headquarters hospital which is intended to serve six lakhs of people. Even women patients are asked to take their bath in the open place near the well. Will the Government be pleased to take immediate steps to see that bath-rooms are constructed in the hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. The Director of Medical Services has submitted proposals for constructing pakka bath-rooms. The matter is under consideration."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Does the Hon. Minister appreciate the fact that if in-patients have improved to the stage of taking baths, they don't deserve to be kept as in-patients in the hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I think, the patients have to take bath or they are given sponge bath every day."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, as patients, men and women, take their bath in semi-nakedness, is it not disgraceful that a Government institution like the hospital should not be able to provide them with bath-rooms? May I request the Hon. Minister not merely to consider the matter but immediately sanction it? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I said they are taking their bath in small enclosures put up for the purpose. The question of providing pakka bath-rooms is under the consideration of the Government."

Medical concessions to Hon. Ministers.

* 251 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the extent of concession of free medical attendance allowed to Ministers and their families in this State?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A Minister and the members of his family are entitled, free of charge, to accommodation and treatment in hospitals maintained by the State Government on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to the highest category of permanent officials; but they have to pay diet charges just like those officials."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, are the Government aware that the policy of extending the concessions of free medical attendance to Hon. Ministers and their families, when thousands of poor people are suffering a lot with incurable diseases for want of proper attention and treatment, will make them unpopular in the estimation of the people and the people may even try to pull down the Government? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, all the poor people are given free treatment."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the concession now granted to Hon. Ministers and their families will be extended to all the Members of the Assembly at least? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no such proposal before the Government, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that members of the families of M.L.As., for the simple reason they are related to M.L.As., are charged medical fees and also the cost of medicines, etc.? Will the Government be pleased to consider the whole question because the present day M.L.As. are not like the olden-day M.L.As. Nowadays most of the M.L.As. come from the lowest category of society and, may I therefore, request the Hon. Minister to reconsider the whole question and extend the concessions to members of the families of M.L.As. also? "

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, I take objection to the expression ' nowadays M.L.As. come from the lowest category of society ' used by the hon. Member who put the question."

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Mr. SPEAKER :—" What the hon. Member meant was that at present the M.L.As. are poor people. He was not able to express this and therefore he said ' lowest category '. The hon. Member never meant any disrespect to any other hon. Member."

11-10 a.m. Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, will the Government extend this concession to the hon. Members of the Legislature at least when they are in Madras when the Legislature is in session? "

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" My question has not been answered, Sir? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I am told that the Hon. the Minister for Health has not answered hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar's question."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, hon. Members of the Legislature are intelligent enough to take better care of their health."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Will the hon. Member, Sri V. Balakrishnan, please repeat his question? "

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to extend this concession to hon. Members of the Legislature at least when the Legislature is in session? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, some arrangement is proposed to be made for hon. Members staying in the Government hostel."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I submit, that my question has not yet been answered. The poor relatives of hon. Members of the Legislature are denied free treatment, for which they would otherwise be eligible, for the simple reason that they happen to belong to the family of an hon. Member of the Legislature."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Hon. Members of the Legislature are receiving a monthly salary and also allowances. The concessions which are given to other people according to their means are also extended to the hon. Members of the Legislature and their families."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" It is not quite so, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It is already ten minutes past eleven. I will pass on to the next question."

Submission of annual returns by the managements of certain factories.

* 252 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what action the Government have taken against the 3,454 factories in the State which